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Suggested Topic for Your Branch and Division Chief Meetings

1. On a number of occasions you have requested subjects from all of us on topics which might be brought before your meeting with branch and division chiefs. Research planning for FY57 is beginning to loom large on the horizon. It occurred to me that it would be very helpful to all of us to discuss the problem of translating the National Intelligence Objects into more meaningful terms for the Economic Research Area.
2. I know that you have already given this problem a great deal of thought and I feel that we could all benefit from this as well as a requirement to give the problem our independent thinking in advance of such a meeting.
3. These guidelines, if such could be developed, would be extremely useful to the branch and division chiefs and would help to formulate a common body of considerations if not conclusions. Because of the complexity of the subject and the great variety of demands made on the Area it may not be possible or desirable to reduce the discussion to a document.

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